Creating a Vibrant Future for Montana's Outdoor Recreation Heritage

Draft Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2014-2018

Public Meeting October 23, 2013

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Agenda

- What is SCORP?
- Questions
- What is the value for my community?





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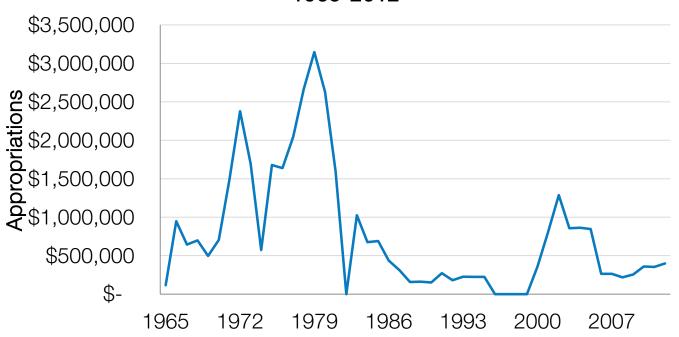
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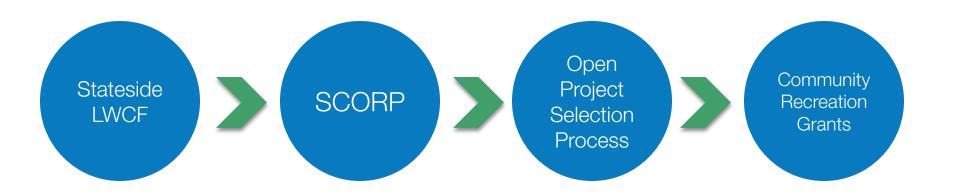


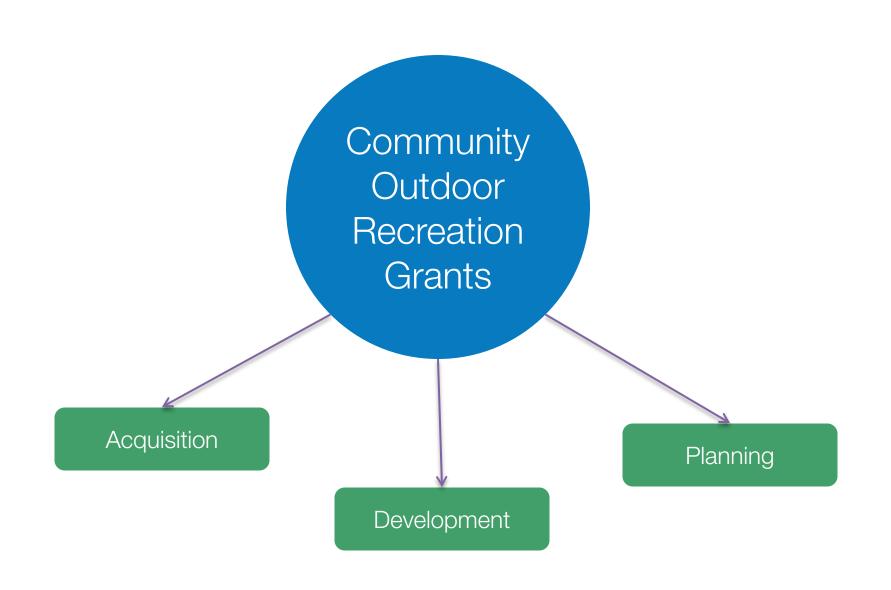
LWCF:

- Funds derived from off-shore oil drilling leases
- Authorized up to \$900 million

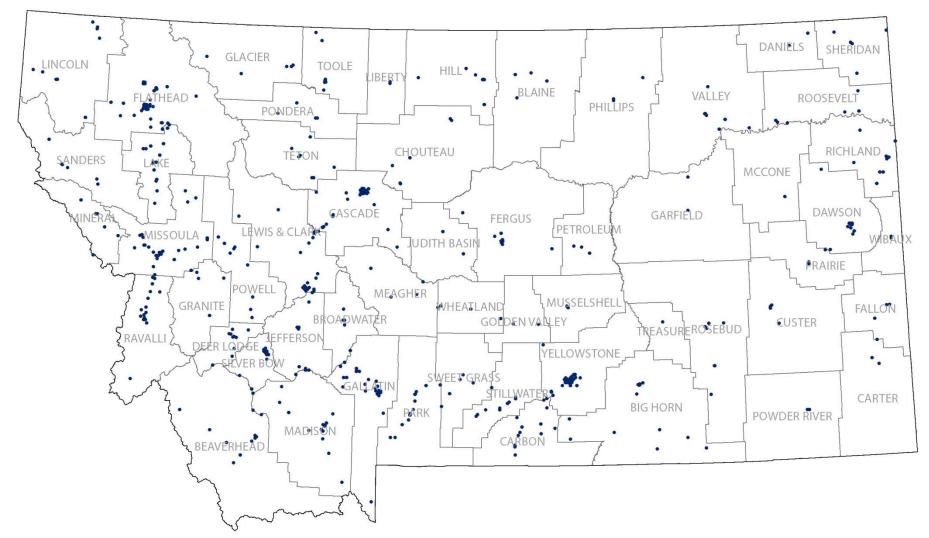
MONTANA STATESIDE LWCF APPORTIONMENT, 1965-2012







LWCF Project Sites





Information Gathering – Spring 2012

Data Collection & Analysis – Fall 2012

- Facility & Resource Needs Survey
- Public Recreation Use Survey

Issues Identification – Winter 2013

- Major outdoor recreation issues
- Draft goals, objectives

Draft SCORP – Winter-Summer 2013

- Draft to National Park Service
- Public Comment

Finalization – December 31, 2013

Governor Approval



Supply of outdoor recreation resources & facilities

Facility and Resource Survey
Agency Data

Demand of outdoor recreation preferences

SCORP Advisory Committee Public Use Survey BRFSS Results ITRR Resident Data Regional & National Trends Industry Reports



SCORP Advisory Committee

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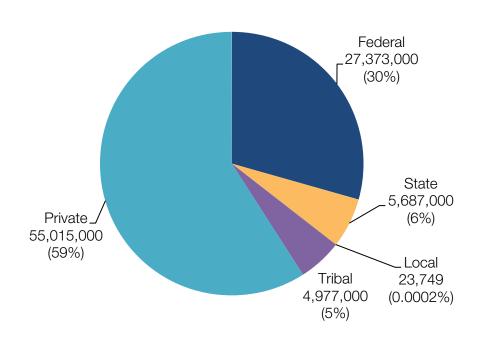




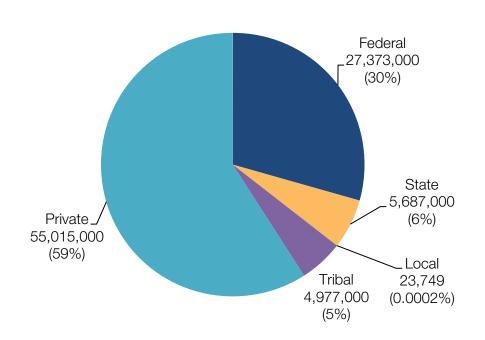
Data & Trends



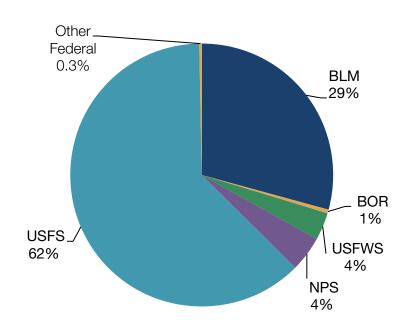
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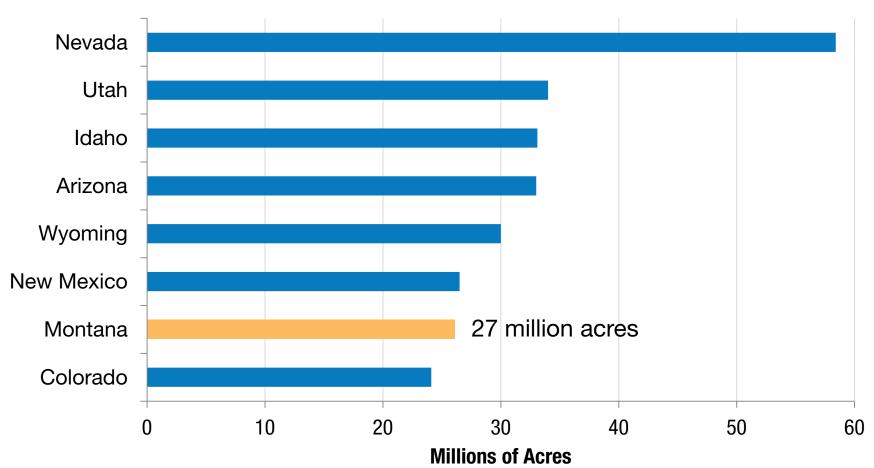


Federal Land Ownership in Montana

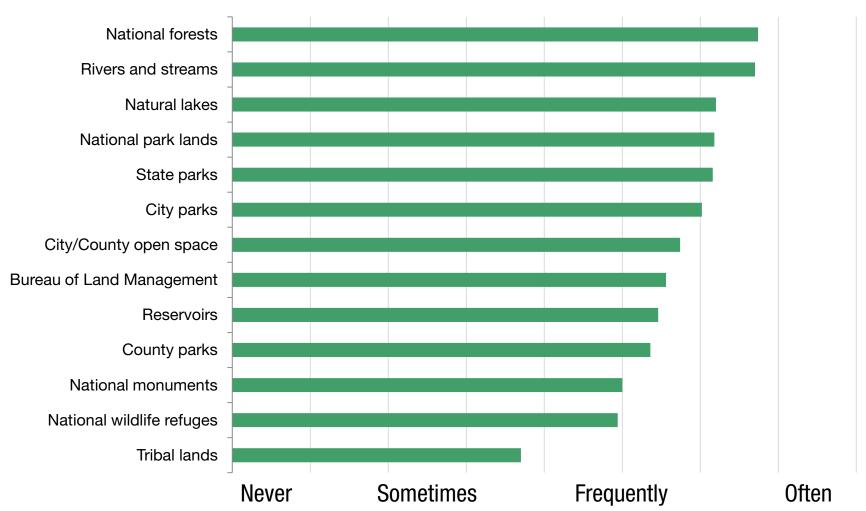




FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS IN ROCKY MTN STATES



Montana Household Use of Public Lands and Waters



Top 10 Facilities used by Montana Households

- 1. Walking/jogging/biking paths
- 2. Hiking trails
- 3. Picnic areas
- 4. Heritage/historic areas
- 5. Campground without hook-ups
- 6. Natural or wild areas
- 7. Scenic byways
- 8. Wildlife viewing areas
- 9. Motorized boating areas



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Public Survey

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Manager Survey

Local Agencies (City, County, School, Tribal)

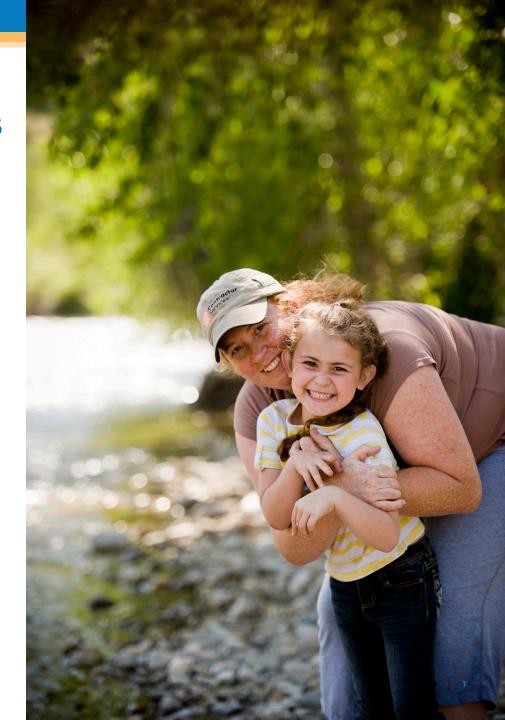
- Aquatics Facilities
- Playgrounds
- Hiking/biking trails
- Bicycling/walking paths

State and Federal Agencies

- Campgrounds
- Water access
- Deferred maintenance
- Facility development
- Hiking/biking trails

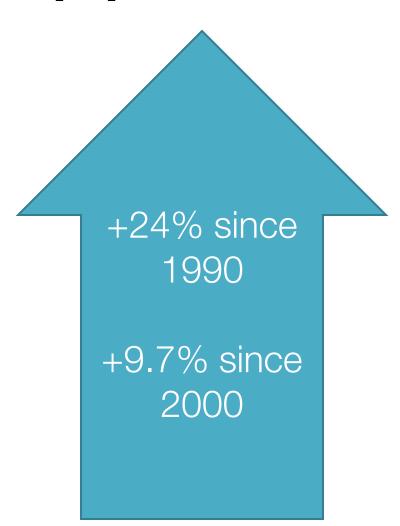
Top Influential Themes for Decision-Making

- 1. Youth and future generations
- 2. Children and nature
- 3. Health benefits of recreation
- 4. Connecting people with nature
- 5. Aging population

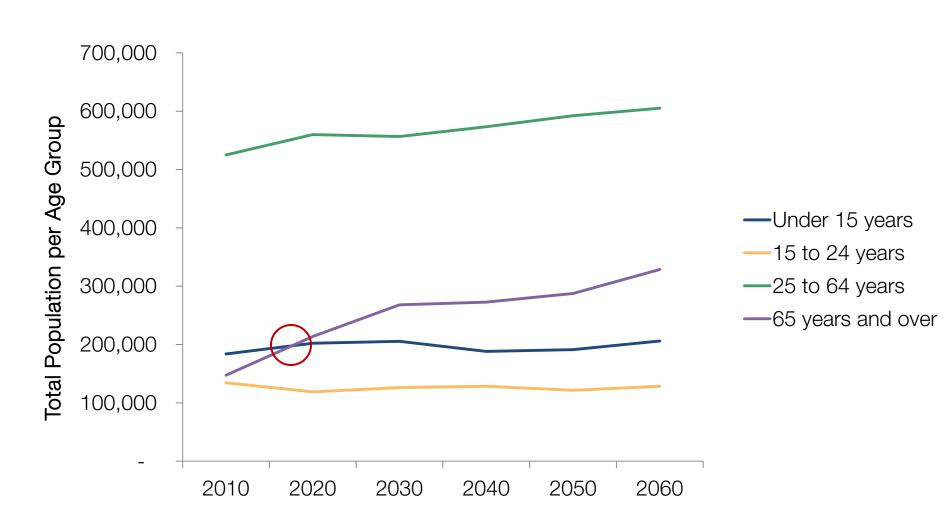




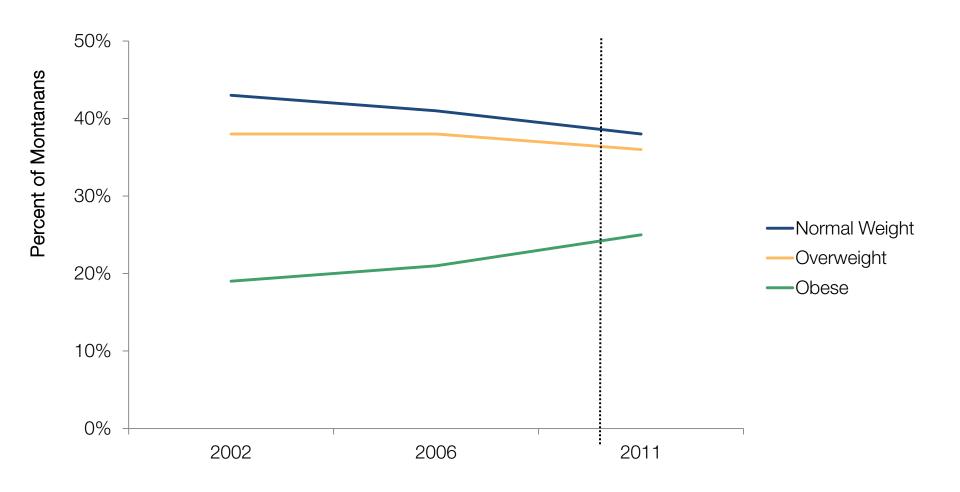
Montana's population is increasing



Montanans are aging



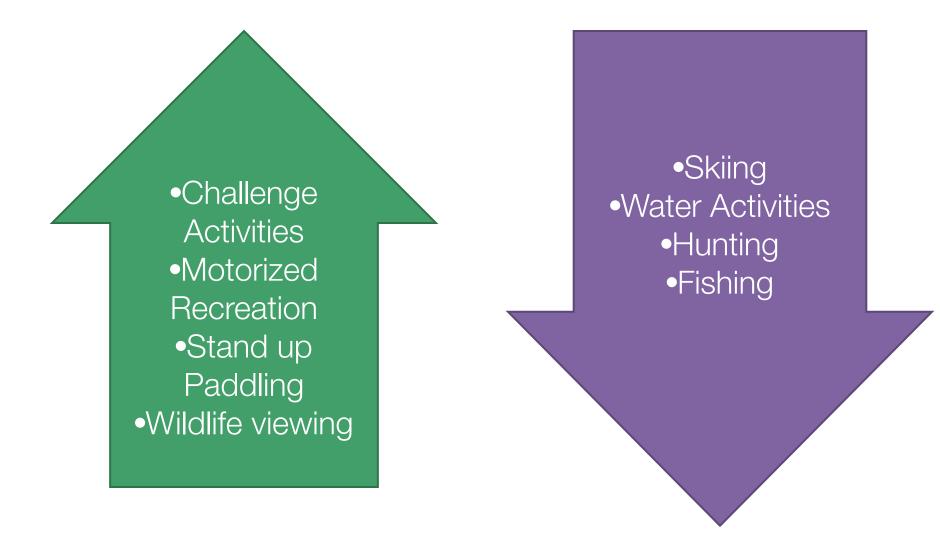
Montanans are becoming more sedentary



Source: BRFSS 2012.

Note: Due to changes in data methodology, 2011 cannot be directly compared with previous years

Activity participation is evolving





In Montana...

\$5.8 BILLION

in consumer spending

64,000

direct Montana jobs

OUTDOOR RECREATION GENERATES

\$1.5 BILLION

in wages and salaries

\$403 MILLION

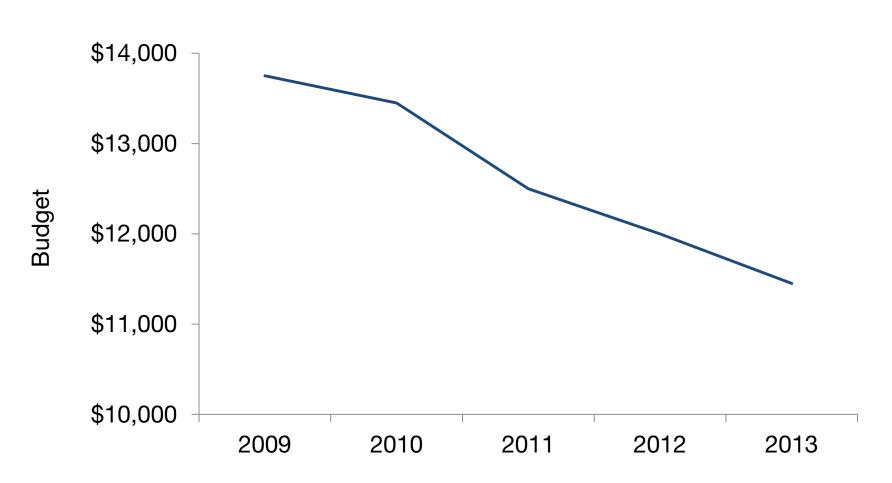
in state & local taxes

Challenges



Recreation funding is decreasing

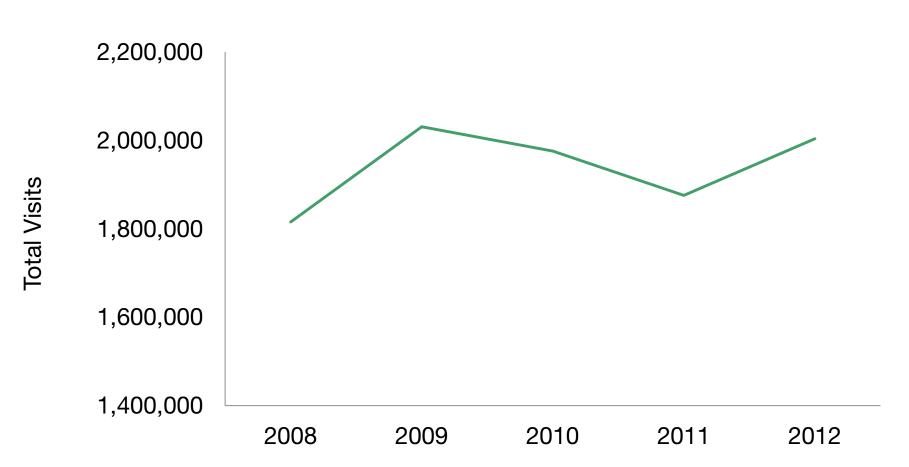
USFS REGION 1 RECREATION FUNDING





Visitation is increasing

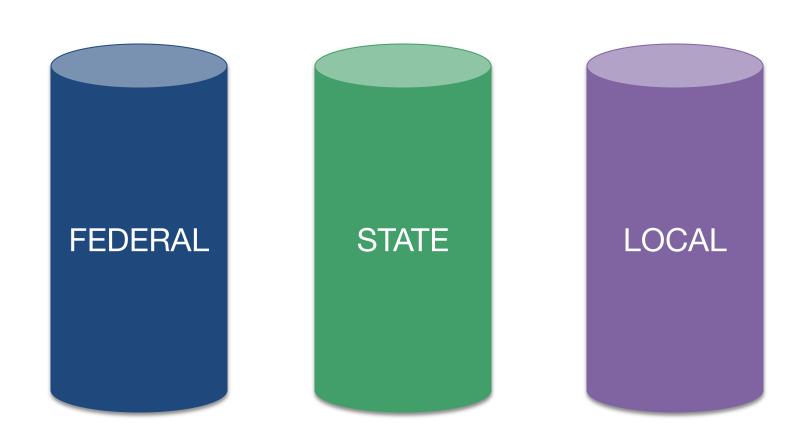
MONTANA STATE PARKS VISITATION



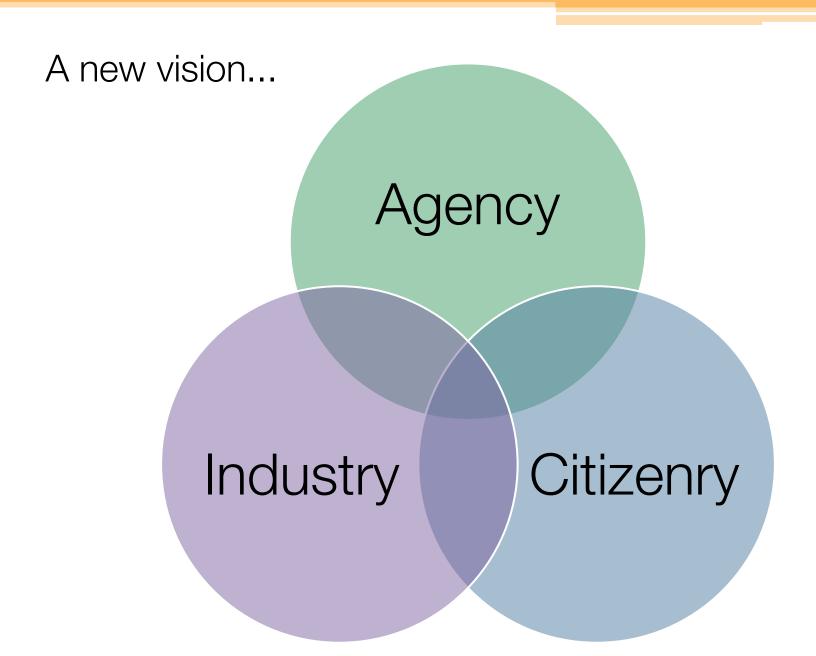
\$11.5 billion

NPS national maintenance backlog in Fiscal Year 2013

No coordinated leadership







Priorities



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Enhance agency coordination, cooperation, and service provision



What do you think?

Public Comments

- Received in writing
- Online at stateparks.mt.gov
- Mail to:
 - Montana Draft SCORP Public Comments
 - PO Box 200701
 - Helena, MT 59620-0701

Seeking comments through November 18, 2013

